HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 404 By West

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Alex Keith Stephens, 2003 Valedictorian of Donelson Christian Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Alex Keith Stephens is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Donelson Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Alex Stephens has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary 4.30 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this stellar academic achievement, Alex has been involved in a number of activities during his high school career; he is a member of the Marching/Concert/Jazz Band, the Show Choir, the Tennessee All-State Chorus, and the

Tennessee Mid-State Chorus; he has served as Vice-President of the National Honor Society; and he is a STARS leader and group member; and

WHEREAS, he also played on the Varsity Tennis team during each of his four years at Donelson Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, Alex was selected to serve as a delegate to Boys State, and was a member of the Boys State Band; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, he has been honored by receipt of the Harvard Prize Book Award, the Outstanding Bandsman Award, and the Distinguished Christian High School Student Award, among a host of other awards and honors; and

WHEREAS, Alex's noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for his parents, school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Alex Keith Stephens' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Donelson Christian Academy Valedictorian, Alex Keith Stephens, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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